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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 6, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

PEGGY BUSKILL, et al.

v.

CASE NO. PUE000172

PELHAM MANOR WATER SUPPLY  
COMPANY, INC.

PRELIMINARY ORDER

By letter dated February 15, 2000, Pelham Manor Water Supply Company, Inc. ("the Company"), notified its customers and the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation, respectively, pursuant to the Small Water or Sewer Public Utility Act (Virginia Code § 56-265.13:1, et seq.) of its intent to increase its water rates effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 2000. On March 14, 2000, the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation received a petition from approximately 65 percent of the Company's affected customers objecting to the proposed rate increase and requesting a hearing.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that a hearing should be scheduled pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-265.13:6. A procedural order establishing, among other things, the date and location of the hearing will be by separate order of the Commission.

The Commission is also of the opinion that the Company's proposed rates should be suspended for a period of 60 days and that such rates should be declared interim and subject to refund, with interest, following the period of suspension. In addition, the Company should file certain financial information based on the proposed test year on or before May 1, 2000. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE00172;

(2) The increase in the Company's rates is hereby suspended for a period of 60 days or through May 30, 2000;

(3) The increase in the Company's rates shall be interim and subject to refund, with interest, following the period of suspension, or effective for service rendered on or after May 31, 2000;

(4) The Company shall file with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before May 1, 2000, certain financial data based on the Company's proposed test year. Such information shall include, at a minimum, an income statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, the Company's most recent tax return, and a rate of return statement, with workpapers supporting all proposed adjustments to book amounts,

which support the Company's proposed rate increase as required by § 8 of the Commission's Rules Implementing the Small Water or Sewer Public Utility Act.

(5) This matter shall be continued subject to further order of the Commission.